BY AN EYE-WITNESS.

LONDON, October 21. TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT In the five great speeches which Mr. Beecher has made in England and Scotland on the American question, before vast audiences, he has taken care to observe a system of selection, which has brought before the country all the great salient points of the American War. He has not repeated himself, but met the Confederate sympathizers here upon every field which they had shosen for their own advantage. But the grand climax of all his efforts was that which was made at Exeter Hall last night, before a crowd as great as ever gathered into that immense hall, and which, despite the persistent efforts of the opposition to destroy the meeting and its effect, made a mark upon English opinion which must prove of the utmost importance.

You will get and copy from the London press the extended reports of this meeting. But there were some characteristics of it which they have not reported, and some which perhaps would be observed more particularly by an American. I had the good fortune to receive a complimentary ticket, which gave me a seat near Mr. Beecher on the platform, and with the full crowd under my eye. And as I know that the orator would be too modest to write out the full account of matters so intimately connected with himself, and that the many readers of The Independent will be eager to know all about his last encounter with the Rebellion before a crowd of English spectators, I have determined to send you some sketch

Mr. Beecher's strokes in other cities of the Kingdom having invariably drawn blood from the hides of the Confederate sympathizers here, it was plain that they had determined to meet with yells and uproar what they could not meet with argument. That an organized opposition was contemplated was not concealed. During all yesterday posters were scattered through the length and breadth of the city, making all kinds of charges of a personal character against him, abounding in fictitious and distorted quotations from discourses and lectures delivered by him in old times. It has been considered of prime importance to the Confederate cause here that Lord Russell's assertion at Blargowrie, that the moral sympathies of the English people were adverse to the Southern cause, should be disproved; and it was hoped, through personal assaults upon Mr. Beecher, to injure the effect of the meeting, and then claim it as the verdict of London in favor of the Southern Confederacy.

At an early hour the hall was crowded to overflowing, and there was evidence too that they were orderly men and women, who, whether sympathizing with the North or not, had come to hear a fair discussion of the question which concerns all, and were determined to secure fair play. The crowd outside in the Strand and Exeter street was enormous, and consisted chiefly of the opposition. One of the committee came in smilingly, and said, "Our shilling admission-fee has filtered the crowd. The Southern sympathizer is always a man who looks hard at a shilling before he parts with it, and then don't part with it." Yet it was known that in two or three sections of the house there were parties who meant mischief.

The speech was to begin at seven. At that hour Mr. Beecher had not arrived in the committee-room, where, to the number of thirty or forty, his friends on the platform were awaiting him. A messenger came to tell us that Mr. Beecher could not force his way through the erowd, but was bravely trying to do so, and would succeed probably in fifteen minutes. After a brief consultation it was resolved, in view of the growing impatience of the crowd in the hall, that the leading men of the city who were present should go to the platform, and that the chairman of the meeting, Mr. Benjamin Scott, Chamberlain of the city, Rev. Newman Hall, and others, should entertain the crowd with addresses until the orator of the evening should arrive. The procession of these gentlemen to the platform was greeted with vehement applause; but when it was discovered that Mr. Beecher was not among them, there were equally vehement expressions of disappointment. When, however, the chairman gave a promise that Mr. B. would soon be present, the meeting became quiet and pleasant. He (the chairman) then began to address them, and was listened to and applauded, until Mr. Beecher walked upon the platform, when the Chamberlain's most glowing sentence was cut short off, nor could the crowd be persuaded to allow him to conclude it. Cries of "Sit down," "Time," " Beecher," hurtled about his head, and he had to sit down-for a British crowd is remorseless

When Mr. Beecher arose, there were five minutes of the most tremendous cheering that I have ever witnessed. Wave after wave, as of a tamultuous sea of sound, came thundering up from the gallery at one end to the organ at the other, in the midst of which stood Mr. Beecher calm as a rock in the midst of the surges. A hiss was then begun, but at his first word it sank back into the diaphragms of those who uttered or meant to utter it. The first glance and the self-possessed manner of the man told plainly that he had something to say in Exeter Hall that night, and that he meant to be heard.

Mr. Beecher's voice was scarcely as sonorous and clear as it usually is, and all recognized that this was natural after the many speeches in immense halls which he had given during the week.

"I expect to be hoarse," he said, "and I am willing to be hoarse if I can in any way assist to bring the mother and daughter heart to heart and hand to hand together." This sentiment was received with great applause; and Beecher's hoarseness was thus impressed to the service of his cause. But he so economized his voice that every word was distinctly heard by the vast assembly. And I assure you that every word was freighted: in the day when men are called to give an account for every idle word spoken, Mr. Beecher will not be confronted by any one uttered last night at Exeter Hall. At one time, when there was an interval of a few moments, arising from the effort of the hisses to triumph over the cheers, Mr. Beecher, with a quiet smile, said, " Friends, I thank you for this interruption; it gives me a chance to rest." The hisses thereupon died away, and had no resurrection during the evening. It was evident, indeed, that the speaker, who knows a thing or two about audiences, felt that the meeting was his, and that no interruption would succeed. But many of his friends had serious apprehensions. One of the editors of The Star, himself a distinguished speaker, and thoroughly acquainted with English audiences, who sat near to me, whispered in my ear, "There are a great many here who do not cheer; there is a strong chance of a row yet; but the meeting is just in such a condition that its result will depend upon the power and equanimity of the speaker." "Then," I replied, "you need not fear." If Mr. Beecher had heard our brief whispers, he could not have more distinctly appreciated the remark of the editor. At that moment, although he had been interesting all along, he suddenly stepped one side from the desk upon which his notes lay, and his face gleamed like a sword leaping from a scabbard. No more hisses, no more cheers, now for half an hour; the audience is magnetized, breathless; when the first pause came, a Sir somebody, sitting behind me, said, "Why, he looked at first like a heavy man, but he's got wings;" whilst a reporter near our feet whispered audibly to a brother, "Oh, but he can put things!" Mr. Beecher forgot all things but his subject; his tongue burned with living coals; his arm pointed like a prophet's rod. The shams of our enemies in England—their talk of peace when they mean every kind of bloodshed except that which is for justice- the aspect of a lamb with the voice of a dragon,' as St. John saw it-their cant about

emancipation being not a principle with Mr. Lincoln, but only an expedient, as if that would make liberty any less a prize to the slave and humanity if they got it-all these collapsed palpably before the masses then gathered, and all the fine points of Roebuck and Lindsey became tonds under the touch of his flame-tipped spear. "This cannot go on," whispered a clergyman

near; " these strokes draw too much blood; the victim is writhing in pain now."

Again did Mr. Beecher level his lance; it was

at those who were making capital out of what they call "American sympathy with the oppressor of Poland." Nothing could exceed the drollery with which, almost blushing, he presented the loving and jealous maiden who, when her suitor is not attentive enough, gets up a flirtation with some other man. "America flirts with Russia, but has her eye on England." Now the presence of war-ships from Russia and at New York has been the leading card of the Confederates here in their game to win popular sympathy for the South; for our friends among the English people are also the friends of the Poles. It was plain that the opposition in the meeting did not mean to let this matter pass without trying to get some capital. Consequently, when Mr. Beecher said, "But it is said it is very unworthy that America should be flirting with the oppressor of Poland,' there were violent shouts: "Yes, yes," "certainly it is," etc. Mr. Beecher waited until the cries had entirely subsided, and a little time had been allowed for friend and foe to speculate as to his reply; then leaning a little forward, he put on an indescribably simple expression, and said mildly, " I think so too. And now you know exactly how we felt when you flirted with Mason at the Lord Mayor's Banquet." I cannot attempt to describe the effect of these words on the throng. The people arose with a shout that began to be applause but became a shout of laughter. The was so perfect and felicitous that roars of hearty laughter told that that topic was summed up for ever. Three loud groans given for the late Lord Mayor—his place is now filled with a much better man—ended that scene, and the drama proceeded.

In the heart of Mr. Beecher's oration was

given a denunciation of slavery more powerful than I have ever heard from his lips. He scoured and scourged it until it seemed to stand before us a hideous monster, bloated with human blood and writhing under his goads. He told, apropos of those who said, "Why not let the South go?" the story of Fowell Buxton's seizing the mad dog by the neck, and holding him with a brave grasp, and at the risk of his life, until help could come, rather than allow him to rush through the street biting man, woman, and child. When asked what they would say of the man who, witnessing this, should have cried, "Let him go! let him go!" "Shall we let this monster go through the world poisoning nations, ruining men, women, and children yet unborn?" cries of No, no, no! surged up from the crowd. At this moment a colored man who lately has come here from the South, known as "Davis's Drummer," on account of his having once belonged to Jeff, and having been a drummer in the Confederate army, stood up on his seat, which was exactly in the center of the building, waved his hat, and was vehemently applauded. William Crafts, well known here since his victory over Mr. Hunt at the Edinburgh Congress on the ethnology of the negro, with his wife, whose story (she having traveled in the disguise of a Southern gentleman, her husband being her servant, from the far South to Freedom) has made her a heroine in London, sat near Mr. Beecher on the platform, and they, too, with other colored persons in the hall, arose and waved hats and handkerchiefs, the audience cheering until the city outside seemed to be waked up, for we heard a storm of shouting voices on every side of the building outside. The crowd also caught sight of an old lady (white) in the gallery who had a huge umbrella, which having expanded to its utmost dimensions, she waved to and fro like a mighty balloon, which had a very comical effect indeed. To this was added a fat man, an excellent type of John Bull as pictured in Punch, who had laughed so much at the droll portions of Mr. Beecher's speech that he could laugh no more, so he could only cross his hands on his stomach, sway to and fro, and give vent to wheezes and grunts, the death-rattles of laughter. These and many other incidents got the audience at one time into a highly tickled state; and some of us remembered a saying of Luther that there was "nothing that the devil hates so much as a

hearty laugh. Mr. Beecher, having sustained himself through out better than I had ever known him to do before-and I am pretty familiar with his grand successes in our own country-having carried the meeting entirely and evoked the warmest expressions of good-will to America-sat down leaving the audience hungry, and shouting "Go on,

A Few Facts Noted.

Under the head of "a few facts modestly stated," the New York Herald publishes the following editorial. There is, however, much more truth than poetry in the statements of the Herald .

The American people are now carrying on the greatest civil war the world ever saw. We are sustaining over a million of men in the Government service. We are supporting thirty-four thousand rebel prisoners taken in battle. We have just contracted to feed and clothe all the prisoners whom the rebels have taken from us. We feed all the rebels in those portions of the Confederacy which fall into our possession. In many cases, as at New Orleans, the rations issued to starving rebels exceed in number those issued to our own rebels exceed in number those issued to our own Layer raisins, in \(\frac{1}{2} \) and \(\frac{1}{2} \) boxes, Lea \(\frac{1}{2} \) Perrin's Worcestershire sauce, charge of the black race. Two hundred thousand contrabands are now provided for within our lines. We have established schools for the picaninnies, and are teaching them to read and write, and cypher and sew. We work all the plantations which the rebels have abandoned. We spend about as much in philanthropy as in fighting. We have almost as many Missionaries as Generals. We send provisions not only to our own poor and the poor rebels, but also to Ireland and to the starving operatives of England. Seldom before have the necessary cruelties of war and the beautiful charities of peace walked so closely hand in hand. We are building a tremendous iron clad navy for ourselves and another navy for Italy. We are feasting and feting the whole Russian navy at New York and San Francisco; and, although the fleet came here for gunnery practice, the Admiral says that he has not found time to fire a shot. About two milions of dollars, including dresses and diamonds have been expended upon these festivities. Taken in connection with the facts above stated, this will give some idea of our wealth and resources. At the same time we liberally patronize the drama, the opera, the arts and the sciences. We send vessels to fight, but we also send out explor-ing expeditions to the North Pole. Our discoveries and inventions in the art of war are changing the military and naval systems of all Europe. We have cannon, against which fortifications are as fragile as paper, and ships which are almost impregnable to the heaviest shot. Pulaski and Sumter are battered down off-hand, and our Monitors shed shot as a duck sheds rain. No European navy is of any account in comparison with our own and no European fortress is secure if we choose to attack it. To take Gibraltar would be child's play to the army and navy which have taken Vicksburg. Our first move in a war with England would be to anchor a Dunderberg opposite London, and proclaim our ultimatum of Greek fire or instant capitulation.

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The Palmerston Scandal.

English society has been busy with the piece of scandal lately alluded to, the like of which has not been enjoyed by the present generation of English gossip-lovers. It is reported that an Irish clergyman named O'Kane is about to bring suit for a divorce from his wife on the plea that she has held improper relations to Lord Palmerston, and a suit for damages against the Prime Minister of Great Britain will form part of the proceedings by which the husband endeavors to repair his injured feelings. All London has been talking of nothing but this for some weeks. and the affair at last got into the newspapers. A report in circulation that Lord Palmerston had compromised the affair by the payment of £6,000, is denied by the "solicitor for the petitioner," or prosecutor. Lord Palmerston was born in 1784, and is, consequently, now in his eightieth year.

THE PALMERSTON FAMILYY. - The grave charges brought against Lord Palmerston, largely occupy the attention of the English press, and occasion reminiscences that prove he is not the first Prime Minister who incurred the heavy breath of scandal. Lord Melbourne, the father-in-law of Lord Palmerston, was charged by the Hon. Mr. Norton with a criminal intimacy with his wife, who is the celebrated poetess of that name, and was acquitted after a trial that is still memorable. Mrs. Norton was a daughter of Sheridan, the renowned author and orator, and was equally celebrated for her genius and beauty. Lord Melbourne's own wife, the celebrated Lady Caroline Lamb, also furnished occasion for busy tongues by her romantic attachment for Lord Byron, but it is believed her passion never overstepped the bounds of discreet sentimentality. Lord Palmerston is married to a daughter of Lord Melbourne, and is childless, his title expiring with him. Lady Palmerston has long been in England what the Empress Eugenie is in France-the acknowledged leader and bright particular star and exemplar of fashion. She is a lady of great beauty and taste, and her personal influence and winning manners have contributed largely to her husband's advancement. Queen Victoria never had much taste or influence in matters relating to dress or fashion, while the influence of Lady Palmerston was supreme, and she reigned without a rival in the very highest circles of British aristocracy, and even within the domain of royalty itself.

THE O'KANE-PALMERSTON DIVORCE CASE. -- Correspondence dated London, 10th November, of

Saunders's (Dublin) News Letter, says: The scandal with which the name of Lord Palmerston has lately been connected turns out to be totally unfounded, and is, as hinted to you in my letter of the 6th, nothing more than an "artful scheme, planned solely with a view to extortion through fear of publicity." The basis, if indeed it can be called one, of this monstrous impudence, is, in quarters likely to know, understood to be the circumstance that the wife of the person who has ventured to file the petition obtained two audiences of the Premier, with a view of obtaining some aferior employment for her husband, with whom she was then living. At the second intervies, out of charity, and to get rid of her, his lordship gave her five pounds. Now that the husband and wife have quarrelled, the former institutes this outrageous calumny, on no firmer foundation whatever than the one I have stated. I have just learned that at the Lord Mayor's dinner this evening the vociferous reception accorded his lordship was such as has seldom been heard within those walls, accustomed as they are to confirm popularity in no measured sounds. The loud and prolonged cheers which welcomed him were, evidently intended to mark the public sense and censure of the insulting injustice that had been done him, and amounted to a veritable ovation.

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White and Red Clover, Flower Seeds, &c.

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